

I am sending you this letter to communicate my concerns about the proposal you are considering which will replace individual state telephone privacy laws with a national standard. My wife Doris and I are residents of Indiana and are personally very satisfied with the recently enacted Indiana Telephone Privacy law. Since it has been enacted, the number of unwanted or 'junk' phone calls has been drastically reduced. Before enactment, we were getting on average one junk phone call a day. Now we only get the occasional phone call from a charity to which we have given money in the past. The number of calls from supposed charity organizations has also decreased markedly. This makes me wonder if some of those calls were from bogus organizations. Our evenings -- are now much more peaceful for not having the phone ringing with those junk calls. - If you are intent on enacting a federal regulation in this matter, we would strongly urge you to use the Indiana law as a model and not do anything to weaken the protection it affords. Frankly, we do not feel that a federal law is needed because of our satisfaction with the Indiana law.

Concerning the proposal to allow companies that we have done business with in the past to contact us by telephone, we would not want that to be allowed. If we want to do business with them again, we will contact them. If they desire to make us aware of special promotions they are having, they can contact us via email or the postal service- Let us reiterate, please do not enplace a federal regulation that would replace the Indiana law with a weaker standard. We like the protection the Indiana law affords us. Thank you.